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Re:

Docket No. DE007DT-1 Serial No. 09/776,362 Improved Polymeric Blends

Dear Mr. Nutter:

Thank you very much for your courtesy call on August 28, 2007, to alert us of the possible abandonment of the above-referenced patent.

I apologize for any misunderstanding during your conversation with Doreen Heath this afternoon. Doreen has been a part of the Orscheln Group for almost 64 years. She is very business oriented, professional and straight forward. This can sometimes be interpreted as impertinent. I assure you that Doreen did not mean to offend you in any way.

We appreciate the efforts that the USPTO takes to alert us when any potential issues relating to our patents and trademarks arise.

Sincerely,

Wendy S. Magee

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